

A WEEK OF THE WAR

"A Week of the War" summarizes information on the important developments of the week made available by official sources through Saturday, December 12.

PRODUCTION FOR WAR

The OWI announced that the U. S. in the year of 1942 will have produced approximately 49,000 planes, 32,000 tanks and self-propelled artillery, 17,000 anti-aircraft guns larger than 20-mm., 8,200,000 tons of merchant shipping, thousands of anti-aircraft machine guns, and thousands of scout cars and half- and full-track carriers. Munitions and war construction were "above the most optimistic estimate of our production possibilities a year ago," and food production—a large proportion of which was meat, milk, eggs, and soy beans—was 12 per cent above the previous year.

Expenditures for the year for munitions and war construction will total \$47,000,000,000. In the first 10 months of 1942, more than \$13,000,000,000 were collected in taxes and more than \$33,000,000,000 through the sale of bonds and other government obligations. Approximately 17,500,000 people are now employed in war work—compared to 7,000,000 a year ago—in 1943 an additional 5,000,000 will be needed for war work and for the Armed forces. By March 15, 1942, the cost of living had risen 15 per cent over the end of 1939, but price regulation, instituted in April, held down the increases in those prices subject to control to six-tenths of one per cent as of October 15.

In the first year of war, the Department of Justice has secured court convictions of at least 8 persons charged with reason, has sent to prison, for terms aggregating 530 years, 49 spies in the pay of Germany and Japan, has brought under rigid control more than 2,000 foreign agents, and has indicted 27 war contractors for defrauding the government. Through the breaking up of international cartels and illegal patent pools a great number of trade secrets and technical processes have been given to American arsenals and manufacturers.

Agriculture

The 1943 food-for-freedom goals are expected to cause some regional change in agricultural production, as changes from the production pattern throw sharp emphasis on crops and livestock most essential to war effort. All possible assistance, the Department of Agriculture announced, will be given farmers in meeting the record goals—to ease the shortage of farm labor, to support prices, to provide loans and technical assistance—but crop payments will be conditional on the degree to which each cooperating farm family carries out its individual farm plan, with deductions for over-planting of non-essential products and for under-planting of essential crop allotments and goals.

To provide labor for 1943 farm production, WMC Chairman McNutt announced a comprehensive program which will be worked out in detail during the winter and launched as soon as Spring planting begins. The plan provides for the transportation of mobile groups of experienced farm workers, the transfer of experienced operators and workers from sub-standard lands to productive areas, the adjustment of farm wages in relation to industrial wages, and a farm labor training and management program. Because of the "wide disparity" between salaries and wages paid agricultural labor and those paid industrial labor, OES Director Eyrnes gave control over agricultural wages to Secretary Wickard. The House passed and sent to the Senate legislation directing that farm wages be included in calculations of parity prices for farm products, defining wages as those not only of hired hands, but of operators and owners as well.

Rationing

A new system of rationing known as the "point system", will be used with War Ration Book No. 2 to ration certain commodities not yet announced. The system will not replace straight coupon rationing of sugar, gasoline and coffee, as it will be used only for groups of related or similar commodities which can be interchangeably used. Each commodity is plentiful, a high point-value if it is scarce—and the Government, to protect the supply of scarce commodities, can lower or raise the point-value of any commodity at any time.

Report on Pearl Harbor

The Navy Department announced that all of the eight battleships in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, were hit, seven of them temporarily disabled and one, the Arizona, permanently and totally lost. Those reported damaged have returned to the fleet, while others critically damaged are being repaired and will soon be ready for battle action. Of the 202 U. S. naval aircraft based at Pearl Harbor, 150 were permanently or temporarily disabled.

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VALUE OF COUPONS EXPLAINED BY STATE OPA OFFICE

MOTORIST MUST DISPLAY STICKER

Oregon motorists must display their A, B, C or other gasoline stickers on their windshields when driving into a service station to get gasoline, the State OPA office emphasized today. Motorists will not be able to use their class A, B, C, T-1 or T-2 coupon books unless the corresponding stickers are conspicuously displayed at all times, the OPA declares. However, if a motorist gets a ration in addition to a Class A ration, he doesn't have to display any sticker except the one for the higher allotment, OPA says.

A, B, C and D coupons must be endorsed on the back with the car license number and state. E, R and bulk coupons must be endorsed on the back with the name and address of the user, the OPA says, and T coupons must bear the war certificate number or fleet name.

To clear up misunderstandings which have arisen, OPA repeats that the coupon values of the various types of rations are as follows: A, 4 gallons; B, 4 gallons; C, 4 gallons; D, 1 1/2 gallons; E, 1 gallon; R, 5 gallons and T, 5 gallons.

The war price and rationing boards are again accepting applications for A books, the OPA says. Applications for supplemental rations are being processed as rapidly as possible.

LOCAL SCOUTS MAKE PLANS

The rejuvenated Hermiston Boy Scout troop is busy planning for future meetings and projects. A total of 25 Scouts attended the meeting Wednesday night under the tutelage of Scout Leader Earl Watson. Thirteen new recruits are going up for the Tenderfoot requirements and an investiture service is planned some time next month.

Any boys in the right age limit are urged to contact Mr. Watson and are cordially invited to participate in Scouting activities.

ROBBERY TRY IS FRUSTRATED

An attempt to burglarize Hale's Confectionery and Sporting Goods early Monday morning resulted in nothing more than a broken door and considerable hard feeling on the part of the owner, Roy Hale. Also no doubt the guilty party or parties were also rather disappointed that their little party was foiled.

Mr. Hale thanks a steel bar door which he had installed some time ago for saving him a considerable amount of money and much merchandise. The thieves broke down the rear door only to run smack into a much more sturdy barrier. To date no trace has been found of the guilty parties.

JUNIOR PLAY IS WELL RECEIVED

"Here Comes Charlie," three-act play written by Jay Tobias, was presented last Friday at the local high school by the high school juniors before a large and appreciative audience. The crowd was the largest ever to attend this type of entertainment in recent years.

The entire cast did extremely well and many laughs and anxious moments were portrayed in excellent manner by the young stage artists. The players were coached by Miss Lavina May Lynch.

BUCKS TO PLAY HERE FRIDAY

Hermiston high school Bulldogs will tangle with the Pendleton Bucks in a two-game series this week end, playing at Pendleton Thursday and the Bucks coming here Friday. The local squad is rounding into shape rather slowly but is expected to develop into a fairly strong aggregation before too many weeks roll along.

The Bulldogs eked out a narrow 19-18 win over Umatilla on the local floor last Thursday evening when Alford sank a last minute field goal. The game was rough throughout with both showing early season raggedness.

MAJ. ALEXANDER TO LEAVE SOON FOR IDAHO JOB

Major W. D. Alexander, who has been connected with the U. S. Engineers at the U. O. D. since its infancy, will soon depart from this project to be resident engineer of the construction of an army airforce installation at Mountain Home, Idaho. Major Alexander must report there December 16 but Mrs. Alexander and son will remain here until suitable living accommodations can be arranged.

Major Alexander has received two promotions since coming to this district. When he arrived here in May, 1941, he was a First Lieutenant, but was promoted to Captain in October, 1941. In August, 1942, he was promoted to the Major rank. Major Alexander has made many friends in this territory, proving himself a capable engineer. He won much fame this summer with his athletic prowess on the softball diamond.

The Idaho project, which has been estimated to cost in excess of \$5,000,000, has been authorized by the war department. The work will be supervised by the Portland office of the army engineers, with Major Alexander as resident engineer.

A farewell party was held for Major and Mrs. W. D. Alexander Thursday evening in the U. S. O. building.

STEAM BLOWOUT CAUSE OF ALARM

A fire drill with an almost realistic alarm was experienced Wednesday at the Hermiston grade school. The cause of the excitement was the sticking of a steam valve in the furnace department, letting out a steady stream of steam. The effect was like a whistle and without delay the building was emptied of students and teachers.

It was several minutes before Janitor "Heezy" Watson and Supt. W. G. Kersbergen corrected the faulty valve and restored peace. However, the scare had its good effects; it proved how quick the building could be vacated in case of a real fire.

SNOW AND RAIN ON WEEK'S MENU

The past week has been a mixture of snow, rain, cold winds and warm sunshine, sufficient variety to please even the most particular weather observer. The mixture left the streets and alleys rather slushy but the average citizen takes all these inconveniences in stride.

The report for the first eight days of December, according to Chas. Taylor, follow:

Date	Max.	Min.
December 1	46	39
December 2	47	37
December 3	42	22
December 4	36	21
December 5	33	25
December 6	33	20
December 7	44	18
December 8	42	32



VICTORY LEAGUE AUTO HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE

Motorists in this area are urged to get their Victory Service League auto handbooks being distributed free at the Hermiston Auto Co. The book contains hundreds of ways to help preserve the life of a car and are given absolutely free for the asking, according to Charles Hodge, owner.

The Victory Service League has been organized to keep in service as long as possible the cars and trucks in operation today. Because the manufacture of new automobiles is now at a standstill because of war production, it is extremely essential that motorists do everything in their power to preserve the life of their own automobile. The Chevrolet dealers have organized to aid in this worthy effort.

Motorists are urged to call for their free handbooks and receive other official insignia and pledge cards. There is absolutely no cost to the motorist.

FREE COOKING SCHOOL PLANNED

Even the turkey-less Christmas dinner, cooked on a two burner hot plate, can be a gala feast in the proper setting. Bright trimmings on the table, candles, holly, a giddy cloth will all bring the holiday spirit.

Mrs. Georgea F. Sutch of the Herald staff, will demonstrate a truly delicious dinner for two, cooked on a two burner plate, and show in its proper setting on a table with bright linen, candles, and holly.

She will also cook a complete turkey dinner which will be set on a modern Christmas buffet table. The fanciful center piece, with its "gingerbread house", was created by the handcraft class of the U.S.O., who also made the candleholders for the smaller table setting.

Everyone is invited to the free U. S. O. cooking school on Friday afternoon at 2:00 p. m., December 18, to see these tables set up, complete to the tantalizing odors of the Christmas feast. The cooking school will be held in the U. S. O. building in Hermiston.

Members Initiated at Westland

At a recent meeting of the Westland Grange, the following were initiated in the first and second degrees: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harding and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Foley. Joint installation with Columbia and Stanfield Granges will be held at Westland December 16 with Claude J. Hanscom as installing officer. The above item was received from Mabel Corliss, secretary of the Westland Grange.

DEADLINE FOR RATION BOOK NO. 1 SET FOR DEC. 15

Anyone who has not yet registered with his local rationing board for War Ration Book No. 1 has until December 15 to do so, the OPA announced today. The local boards are expected to be over the hump of processing gasoline applications by the first of the week, OPA says, and beginning December 7 will again be able to handle requests for the sugar-coffee book.

As future rationing programs are still in a tentative stage, the OPA emphasized that every person who has not already registered for War Ration Book No. 1 should do so between December 7 and 15. There is a possibility, OPA says, that acquiring of ration book 2 after the first of the year may be contingent upon the possession of book 1 by the consumer.

PHEASANT CAFE IS NOW CLOSED

The most recent Hermiston business firm casualty of the war is the Pheasant Cafe, one of the larger cafes of this city. The firm has been operated for the past six weeks by Mr. and Mrs. Claude VanArsdale who had purchased the business from Ben O'Conner. The VanArdsdales relinquished their equity, however, Sunday and Mr. O'Conner decided to close it indefinitely.

Mr. O'Conner's future plans are rather indefinite but he stated Wednesday that he might open up again around the first of March, depending greatly on the conditions of the war. He also plans to close the Pastime after the first of the year.

HOUSING UNITS TAKING SHAPE

The nine housing units under construction in Hermiston under the sponsorship of the Hermiston Housing Corporation are progressing nicely and should be ready for occupancy by the first of the year, providing weather conditions do not hamper the work. The last house was shingled Wednesday and windows and doors will be installed this week end. Wiring, plumbing and lathing are also well underway.

The houses will be sold by the corporation under the sponsorship of the Federal Housing Administration. Six of the units have been sold to date, leaving three more available for any one wishing to purchase a new home.

ANNUAL FORMAL DANCE SLATED

The annual Christmas formal will be held in the high school gymnasium Monday, December 21, according to Miss Lavina May Lynch who will be in general charge of the affair. The dance is given each year for the students, parents, alumni and friends and is given at this time when many alumni are home for the Christmas holidays.

The event is one of the most popular of the school year and always draws a fine crowd. Several new features are planned this year.

BOWLING ALLEY TO OPEN SOON

L. A. Moore has promised bowling enthusiasts that the Hermiston alleys will be opened within a week if everything goes well with reconditioning activities. The alleys have received 10 coats of Perma Life and shellack and are in perfect condition. The exact opening date has not been set but will be within a few days.

COAL ARRIVES JUST IN TIME

Two carloads of coal arrived in Hermiston the middle of the week, much to the relief of worried residents who were operating under a decided shortage. Dealers were allotting 500 to 1000 pounds to a customer in order to make the fuel cover as much ground as possible.

Two more carloads are expected here in the near future but as to the exact arrival date has not been learned.

REGISTRATION OF YOUTHS TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 11

BOYS TO SIGN AT STANFIELD

Arrangements have been completed for the sixth registration of manpower for service in the armed forces in World War II. The order comes under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. Youths in this district will register at the Stanfield Irrigation district office with G. L. Dunning in charge. He has announced that the office will be open on afternoons only on December 11, 12, 18, 19 and 26. Other registrations are listed at Pendleton and Milton.

On December 11 through 17, all men who have become 18 during July and August of this year will be registered. On December 18 through 24, all men who became 18 during September and October of this year will be registered. On December 26 through 31, all men who became 18 during November and December of this year will be registered.

Any male resident of the United States who reaches his 18th birthday on or after January 1, 1943, will be registered on the anniversary of his birth in the office at Pendleton which is located in the Stangier building with Earl S. Hanna in charge. However if such anniversary falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, their registration will take place on the day following.

This sixth registration comes under the same rulings as previous sign-ups and every person subject to registration is required by law to familiarize himself with such regulations and to comply therewith. In order that there may be full cooperation in carrying into effect the registration procedure, all employers and government agencies of all kinds, federal, state and local, are urged to give those under their charge sufficient time in which to fulfill the obligations of registration.

FEWER ARRESTS MADE RECENTLY

A considerable letup in petty crimes and drunkenness has been experienced here in the last two weeks, according to records at the local police station. Excessive liquor still leads the parade as the chief offender.

Listed on the record the past two weeks are: Percy Woods, drunk and disorderly; James Vernon Farmer, drunk and disorderly; Charlie Miller, drunk; John Sampson, drunk; Tom Jensen, drunk, taken to the county farm; Steve Kordosh, bumming; Eugene Vail, reckless driving; Charles L. Rooks, drunken driving; Everett Stewart, drunk; John B. Busbee, drunk; Johnny Green, defrauding an innkeeper.

STANFIELD TO HAVE CLINIC

Wednesday, December 16, is the date set for the immunization clinic to be held at Stanfield high school from 9:00 to 11:00 a. m. Pre-school children in this district are also invited to attend.

Protection against diphtheria will be offered to children under eight years of age. Susceptibility tests for diphtheria (Schick test) and test for tuberculosis and smallpox vaccinations are offered to children of all ages.

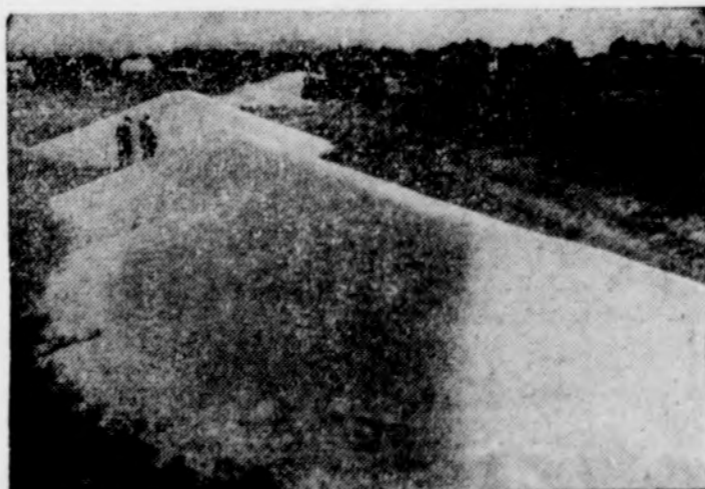
This clinic will be held under the direction of the Umatilla County Public Health Unit, with a local physician in charge.

LOCAL 4-H GIRLS WIN AWARDS

Word has been received by Myrtle Carter, Home Demonstration agent, that 20 Umatilla county 4-H girls placed in the style revue Blue Award class. Each member of the blue award group will receive a silver medal embossed with the words "County Dress Revue" above the figure of a girl in an attractive costume, flanked on either side with the 4-H insignia. Presentation of the awards will be made at the annual achievement meetings to be held soon in the respective communities.

Among those listed from this district are Velma Knapp, Verla Knapp, and Betty Ascherl, all of Hermiston, Charlotte Cornielle of Stanfield, and Opal Rand of Echo.

War Job for Wheat Growers



WHEAT ON THE GROUND - INSUFFICIENT STORAGE. The U. S. Department of Agriculture makes this plea to farmers.



No Oregon wheat is piled on the ground—thanks to the efforts of growers to provide storage for this year's 20 million bushel crop. But the wheat grower will face another storage problem next year, the county USDA War Board points out. To solve this problem—and help the war effort, too—more wheat can be fed to livestock and poultry to boost the output of meat, milk, wool and eggs, and wheat growers can divert acreage wherever possible to needed war crops.